

41. (new) The method of Claim 36 further comprising administering to the animal one or more complement components.

42. (new) The method of Claim 35 further comprising administering IgM enriched plasma and one or more complement components.

43. (new) The method of Claim 23 or 25 in which at least one of the anti-C3b(i) antibodies is conjugated to a detectable agent.

44. (new) The method of Claim 23, 24, 25 or 26 further comprising administering to the animal plasma.

45. (new) The method of Claim 23, 24, 25 or 26 in which the animal is a mammal.

46. (new) The method of Claim 23, 24, 25 or 26 in which the animal is a human.-

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were pending in this application. Claims 23-46 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in related applications. New Claims 23-46 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. A copy of the claims which will be pending upon entry of the instant Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Support in the specification for new Claims 23-46 can be found throughout, see, *e.g.*, page 10, line 9 to page 18, line 10, page 26, line 7 to page 27, line 23, page 34, line 8 to page 36, line 3, page 38, line 9 to page 40, line 3, and page 43, line 14 to page 47, line 7. Applicants assert that no new subject matter, as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 132, has been added with the addition of new Claims 23-46.

Applicants have amended the title of the application to more accurately reflect the subject matter of the claimed invention. Applicants also have amended the specification to correct grammatical and typographical errors. Applicants assert that the amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 132.

Entry of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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